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DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2005**

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

Authorities

- USACE conducts its emergency response activities under two basic authorities:
 - The Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Act (P.L. 84-99).
 - The Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288).
 - Total amount of FEMA mission assignments: \$3,178,185,000.

Command and Control

- Commander, USACE is Lieutenant General Strock in Washington, D.C.
- USACE Task Force Commander is Major General Don Riley in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) Commander is Brigadier General Crear in Vicksburg, Mississippi. His area of operations covers the States of Louisiana and Mississippi.
- South Atlantic Division Commander is Brigadier General Walsh in Atlanta, Georgia. His area of operations covers the States of Alabama and Florida.

Operational Highlights

- 2,943 USACE personnel are supporting relief operations.
 - Orleans Parish: Continued to repair the overtopped breach sites along the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal (IHNC).
 - East Orleans: Continued unwatering from the Six Flags area and adjacent residential sub-division. The German teams are unwatering small pockets remaining throughout this area. Estimate completion in one week.
 - St. Bernard Parish: Dutch team is operating along the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal (IHNC) in the 9th Ward. The re-flooded areas in St Bernard Parish are essentially dry. Focus is keeping Pump stations #1 and #6 operating.
 - Plaquemines Parish: Continuing work to reinforce portions of the levee system and conduct maintenance on the pumping stations. Several non-federal levees were significantly damaged and will require extensive repairs. Received FEMA mission assignment to provide access to 9th Ward Water Treatment Plant.
 - Actions for next 24 hours: Continue to aggressively unwater the 9th Ward and St Bernard Parish, and repair the original levee breaches in Plaquemines Parish. Continue to establish operations in SW Louisiana this week. Attend ceremony tomorrow with Ambassador Sullivan, Mayor Nagin and others to thank the Dutch and German teams who have assisted with unwatering the city.
- Water and Ice:
 - Total water and ice in storage: 18,156,000 liters and 64,480,000 lbs of ice.
 - There are sufficient quantities of both commodities for affected areas; however, FEMA is experiencing difficulties with their contractor storing these items. The contractor states they can only load 44 truck loads of either ice or water a day.

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FEMA's Logistics Chief is working this issue but has directed USACE to procure an additional 200 trucks of both items over the next two days.

- Debris:
 - Tonnage of debris removed and projected total: 5,009,094 CY removed of an estimated 78.2 million cubic yards. The USACE portion of the debris removal project is ~24.5 million CY. Remainder of debris to be removed by counties and parishes.
 - Terrebonne Parish has requested USACE assistance with debris removal. The parish originally indicated they would perform this mission.
- Roofing:
 - Total temp roofs completed and projected: 17,332 installed, 12,254 completed (accepted by USACE inspectors), 63,046 projected total roofs required.
- Power: 15 Prime Power soldiers working in the area.
 - Last 24 hours: Began installation of generators due to Hurricane Rita damage (see Hurricane Rita report).
 - Have completed 863 assessments and 257 generator installs to date.
 - 174 generators de-installed.
 - Next 24 hours: Continue to de-install generators and prep to support Hurricane Rita.
- Navigation:
 - Mississippi River: Coast Guard lifted all restrictions on the lower MS River.
 - Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Open from Texas to Florida via Baptiste Collette, but closed to westbound traffic West of Wax Lake near Morgan City, LA.
 - Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) is open with restrictions on vessel size.
- Housing:
 - Corps Housing Planning and Response Team (PRT) is supporting FEMA's Housing Area Command (HAC).
 - 559 of 600 travel trailers have been hauled and placed in staging areas in Baldwin County, Alabama.
 - Completed 189 of 377 travel trailers installations in Mobile and Baldwin County, Alabama.
 - Travel trailers began arriving in Gulfport, Mississippi yesterday.